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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

October 15, 2019

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Champ Hall Conference Room – OM 136

Present: Lee Rickords, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (Chair)
Christopher Scheer, Caine College of the Arts
Daniel Holland, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business
Thom Fronk, College of Engineering
Harrison Kleiner, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Claudia Radel, S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources
Greg Podgorski, College of Science
Robert Mueller, Statewide Campuses/Communications Intensive
Dory Rosenberg, University Libraries
Steve Nelson, USU Eastern
Dexton Lake, USUSA Vice President
Lawrence Culver, American Institutions
David Wall, Creative Arts
Matt Sanders, Connections
David Brown, Quantitative Literacy/Intensive
Robyn Peterson, Registrar's Office
Mykel Beorchia, University Advising
Kristine Miller, University Honors Program
Amber Summers-Graham, Secretary

Excused: Shelley Lindauer, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Charlie Huenemann, Humanities
Ryan Dupont, Life and Physical Sciences
Ryan Bosworth, Social Sciences
John Mortensen, Academic and Instructional Services

Call to Order – Lee Rickords

Approval of Minutes – [April 16, 2019](#) – No meeting in September 2019
Minutes approved as distributed.

Course Approvals/Removals/Syllabi Approvals

RELS 1070 (BHU) **APPROVED** Charlie Huenemann
Motion to approve BHU designation made by Harrison Kleiner. Seconded by Matt Sanders.
Designation approved.

HIST 4510 (DHA) **APPROVED** Charlie Huenemann
Motion to approve DHA designation made by Harrison Kleiner. Seconded by Matt Sanders.
Designation approved.

SPED 5012 (QI) **APPROVED** David Brown
Motion to approve QI designation made by David Brown. Seconded by Greg Podgorski.
Designation approved.

Business

Approving Syllabi

A question came up recently about approving syllabi for courses that already have General Education designations. A department was told they didn't have to go through the designation approval process because their course already had the designation even though it was being taught by a different professor with an entirely new syllabus and content. The consensus of the committee was that when courses are being changed significantly from the originally approved syllabus, they should go through a review process.

This could be a challenge for new faculty who upon getting hired are inheriting a set of classes that may already include General Education courses. The faculty are putting together their syllabi at the very last minute and their students are counting on receiving the designations. The committee suggests that perhaps in this situation the courses can carry the designation immediately, but with the expectation that the new syllabi will be reviewed concurrently to ensure that the courses are meeting designation criteria in the future years they will likely be taught by these new faculty. It was suggested that it might be important to have courses go through this same review if they are changing the modes of delivery. This would be done to ensure that an online course is still able to meet the same criteria as its face-to-face counterpart and vice versa.

Lee Rickords is going to bring up this concern with the EPC and ask if they would be in favor of having this be the General Education subcommittee's protocol when dealing with changing course content and modes of delivery with courses that currently hold General Education designations. There is an option on the General Education Designation form in Curriculog for a syllabus review so the reviews would continue through the same workflow process as designation requests.

“What is an Educated Person?” annual meeting on November 8, 2019 – Lee Rickords

For those that would like to attend, the General Education subcommittee has the opportunity to send a few people to the conference. This year's conference will be held on Friday, November 8th in Salt Lake City at the Little America from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. This is a really useful conference and an excellent opportunity to learn and converse about General Education in the USHE system. Please contact Amber Summers-Graham (amber.summers@usu.edu) for more information about attending.

Adjourn - 9:59 AM